

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 7-8 with the following amended paragraph:

This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/906,283, filed July 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,632,140, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph on page 20, lines 16-20 with the following amended paragraph:

For purposes of discussion, it is assumed that the criteria used to[[in]] invoke the bonus mode is that a predetermined symbol must present itself in each of the reels 302, 304, 306, 308, 310. The example of FIG. 3A illustrates that such predetermined symbols presented themselves during standard play at display segments 340, 352, 354, 356, and 348. This invokes the bonus mode of play.

Please replace the paragraph on page 22, lines 10-18 with the following amended paragraph:

The display device 404 includes a display screen 410. The display device may take on a variety of forms depending on what type of presentation is to be provided. For example, a slot game area 420 is provided where the standard slot gaming activity is displayed. In this example, the standard slot gaming activity includes five video reels 422, 423, 424, 425, and 426, and three paylines depicted as the 1st payline-428, the 2nd payline-430, and the 3rd payline-432. The display segments occur at the intersections of each video reel and payline. Another presentation that may be displayed on the display screen 410 is the bonus payout bar 440, which may optionally be displayed only during the bonus mode of play.